

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

July 24, 2014

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor James Calnon, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Paul O'Connell (W4), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**MAYOR CALNON OPENED THE FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Rosemary Redmond** works at West Bay Plaza offered several questions and concerns about the North Margaret Street Road Diet:

- Business will be affected.
- Difficult turning left from West Bay Plaza
- Trucks that come from Exit 38 and turn left into Georgia Pacific, is there enough room?
- Will the green space be reduced?
- Did NYS DOT approve; must they?
- Can I get a copy of the traffic study?
- Why is the bike lane 5 feet when City Hall Place they are 3 feet?

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign change order No. 1 to Contract # 2014-23 "2014 City Street Paving" for the total amount of \$142,629.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Discussion:

**Councilor Kasper** posed several questions:

- What portion of the road will be milled and paved? Georgia Pacific to McDonalds.
- Is the feasibility study available on the web? Part of outreach and information. Yes, it can be seen on the web.
- Re: left turn from West Bay Plaza. One lane of traffic to cross rather than the current two lanes. More cars will be in that lane, but the traffic light at G.P. will result in gaps in the traffic. DOT did approve.
- 5 foot width is the standard for bike lanes, and that is what is also on City Hall Place.
- Curbs will not change.
- Truck turning should be no problem.

- Can the center lane be used as a refuge when turning left? Not what is designed for, but it can.

**Councilor Kelly:**

- Prefers center lane.
- Expect the “horserace” for position from north will be over by the city limits.
- Road coming into our City sends a welcoming message.

**Councilor Armstrong:**

- How do we give precedence to allocate?

**Councilor Dowdle:**

- Are we paving here at the expense of other streets? No.
- Is the paving for the road diet? No, it is to extend the life of the road.
- So, it still is just paint? Yes.

**Councilor O’Connell:**

- The resurfacing came at a good time because if we painted we would have to again paint the roadway. Timing for project is great.

**Councilor Kretser:**

- Drainage work being done? The flood of 2011 beat up the drainage system, Public Works is repairing the drainage basins.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong  
Roll call Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:55 pm**